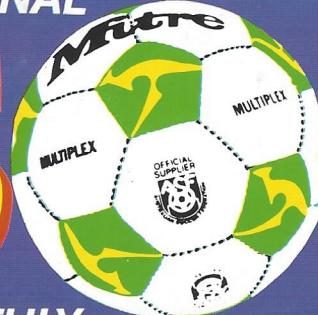


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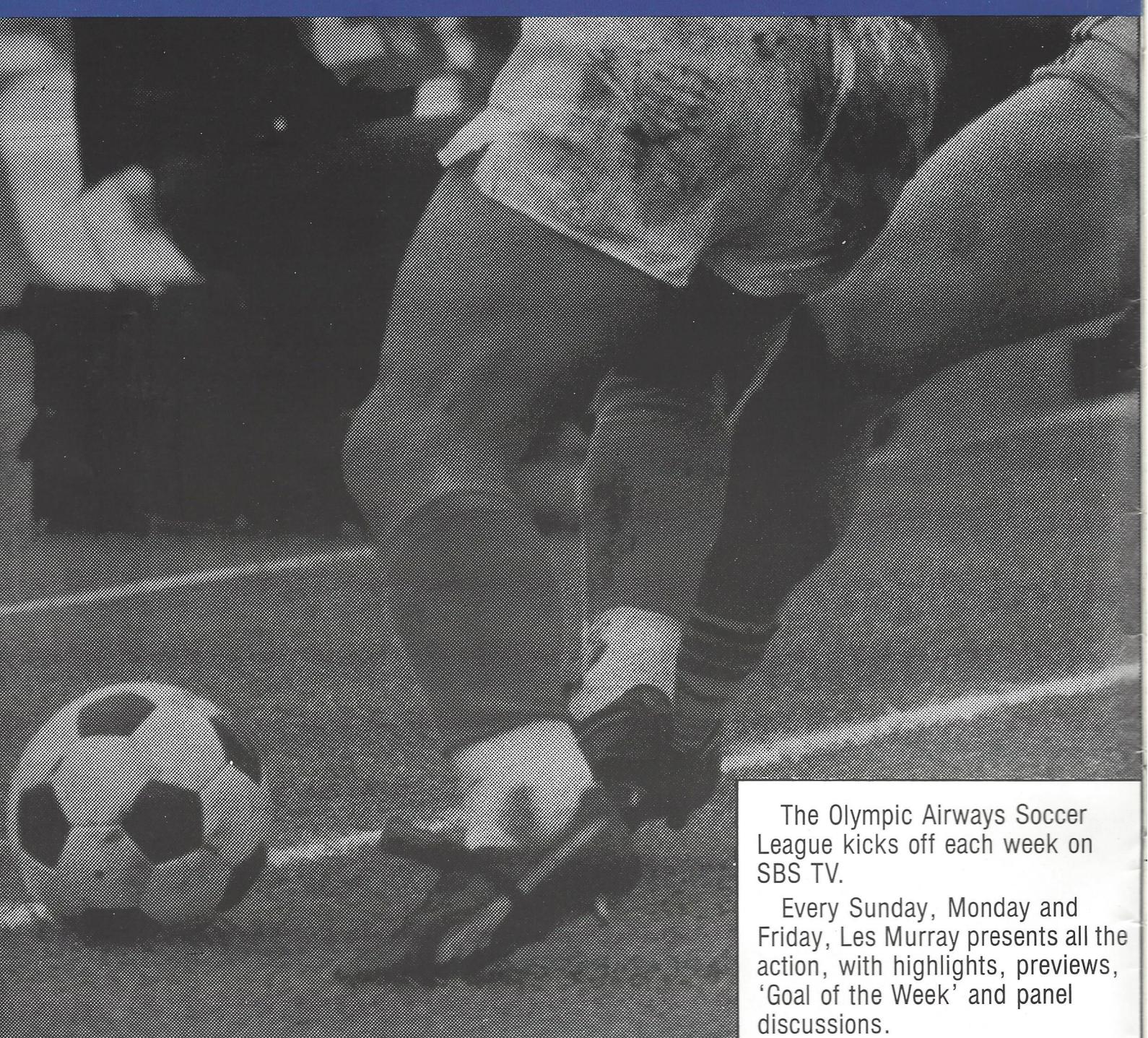
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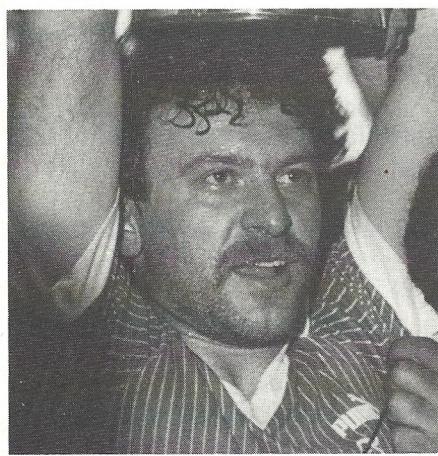
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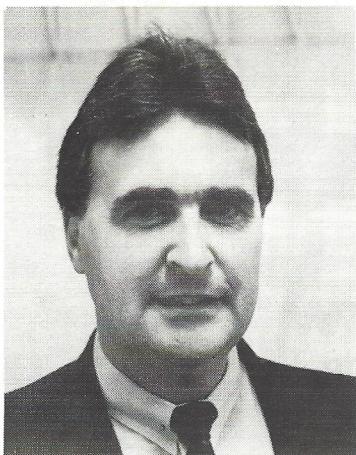
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FROM THE EXECUTIVE

Welcome to 1986 and the second year of "National Soccer Monthly". Once again throughout the season we'll be providing you with an inside look at the Olympic Airways Soccer League. We'll profile the stars of the League, the emerging players, the Clubs, the events, and we'll feature stories from all angles within soccer. Judging by the mail we received in 1985, which, incidentally, came from throughout Australia as well as England, Scotland, Brazil, U.S.A, New Zealand and Israel, you have enjoyed the magazine. In 1986, we aim to please you even more and look forward to your constructive comments each month in our mailbag section.

Speaking of 1986, we are once again facing a crucial season, as always seems to be the case. Indeed ten clubs will be 'relegated' this year in a reorganisation which will see the competition revert to a fourteen team league in 1987. The stakes are high and already many clubs have outlaid big money in an effort to strengthen their side. I expect this year to be the most competitive for some time and I believe we are in for some titanic struggles between clubs, with plenty of action, and big crowds.

In relation to the reorganisation, since last September the A.S.F. and the League have been thrashing out a formula to enable the revised competition to take effect. After a previous stalemate,

the A.S.F. finally arrived at an answer on 14th February on how the clubs would be selected.

Basically these were:

- The League will consist of 14 clubs in 1987.
- There will be no promotion to the League from the States at the end of 1986 because of the reduction of clubs.
- The 2 Divisional Champions will automatically be included in the 1987 League.
- The National Grand Final winner (not being a Divisional Champion) will automatically be included in the 1987 League.
- The bottom placed club in each division in 1986 will not be eligible for inclusion in 1987.
- The criteria for selection of remaining clubs will be based on a pointscore with the top scoring clubs being selected:—

Position in the League in 1986 will count for a maximum of 50 points. Past playing record will

count for a maximum of 40 points. Spectator support will count for a maximum of 10 points.

- At the end of 1987, 2 clubs will be relegated. Of the promoted clubs, one will come from Northern N.S.W., A.C.T., or N.S.W. The other club will come from Victoria, Queensland or South Australia.

Of course, there are also existing criteria in force relating to financial stability, ground facilities, etc. Clubs will firstly need to assure the League that these are met before the above criteria are applied.

After a lean spell of sponsorship, last year saw the introduction of Olympic Airways, Rothmans of Pall Mall (in the form of the Gold Medal Award) Soccerpools, and to a lesser degree Power Sports Footwear.

We are pleased to say that sponsorship this year has increased. Olympic Airways once again will sponsor the League to the extent of \$200,000, Rothmans will again conduct the Gold Medal Award and we will still receive support from Soccerpools, Power and a host of other companies in the form of advertising packages. Apart from these companies, Mitre Sports and Wedgwood will continue their major support of the League.

Ansett will also increase its in-



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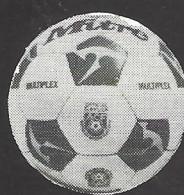
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vement during 1986. The League secured sponsorship for the Ansett Challenge Shield played between the Croatian clubs in Melbourne and Sydney. Additionally, Ansett will become the official sponsor of the League's referees, enabling a greater interchange of officials between cities.

The major deal, though, was the agreement reached with Nanda Macaroni Products for \$40,000 sponsorship of the Cup. Nanda's involvement in what will now be called 'The Nanda Soccer Cup' will enable prize money to be increased to over \$70,000.

We sincerely thank our sponsors for their important contributions to the League.

Television is an important factor in any sport and in our case a new development has occurred. We recently sold our television rights to H.M. Productions for an undisclosed figure and H.M.P. boss, Harry Michaels, has in turn negotiated with SBS Television an agreement which will increase the League's weekly exposure to three hours.

Each Sunday, 'Match of the Day' will be shown at 10.30 p.m. Each Monday, 'Olympic Airways Soccer League' screened at 6 p.m., will provide one hour of highlights from six of the League's weekend matches, as well as interviews and updates. Finally, each Friday at 6 p.m. 'Soccerama', a joint NSL/H.M.P. production will feature a thirty minute preview of the weekend's matches.

We are also negotiating with commercial networks for improved coverage and soccer will now be screened on a number of regional networks. Additionally, we have sold our soccer to Greece, with other countries also showing interest. All in all a vast improvement over 1985.

Running the League is a formidable task and virtually a non-stop job for most months of the year. To help improve its efficiency, the League has appointed a full-time assistant in Peter Russell, who will manage the administrative affairs on a day-to-day basis. Peter is no stranger to the League and has in fact been the Youth League Coordinator for some years.

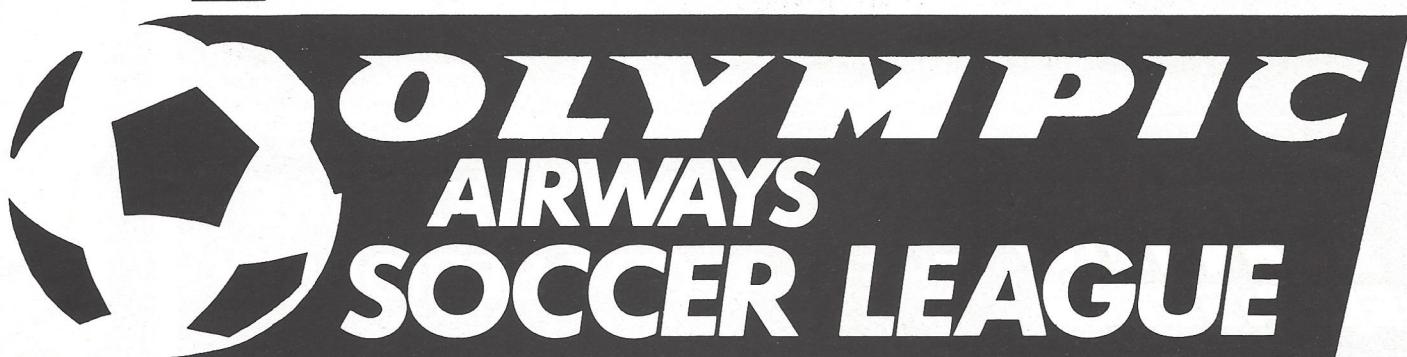
Peter Rampley, the former leading referee, will also join the League as co-ordinator for Refereeing matters. Peter will join the Referees Appointment Board, and has already conducted fitness tests for the referees on the NSL panel, as well as chairing the pre-season 'pow wow' between clubs and referees. □



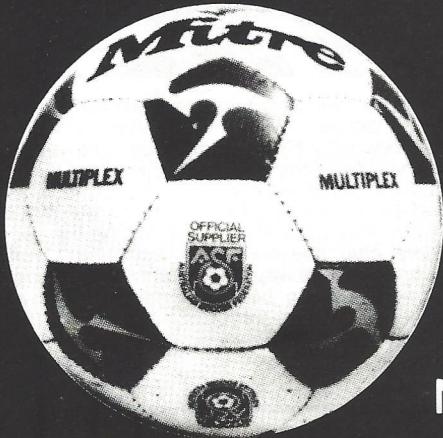
In our first issue last year, we featured in the series 'Men with the whistle', Melbourne's Chris Bambridge. The article concluded 'Most shrewd judges feel that if an Australian ever attains the pinnacle of refereeing achievement, to referee a World Cup Final, it most probably will be the one-time club linesman from Kettering'. Well, Chris is on his way, next month he leaves for Mexico, having been selected by FIFA as Oceania's representative, and now that World Cup Final is a step nearer. Well done Chris.

The Top Twenty Goalscorers 1985

	Total	League	Top Five	National Cup
1. Egan (South Melb.)	21	18	3	—
2. Patikas (Syd. Croatia)	17	16	—	1
3. Jankovics (Marconi)	15	14	1	—
4. Latif (Sunshine G.C.)	14	11	—	3
5. Smith (Preston)	14	8	2	4
6. Brown (Marconi)	13	11	2	—
7. Arnold (Syd. Croatia)	12	12	—	—
8. Kosmina (Syd. City)	12	8	1	3
9. Stevenson (Heidelberg)	12	11	—	1
10. Cole (Preston)	11	6	2	3
11. Farina (Syd. City)	11	10	1	—
12. Lewis (Green Gully)	11	10	—	1
13. Brown (South Melb.)	10	10	—	—
14. Giampaolo (Inter-Monaro)	10	6	—	4
15. O'Connor (Blacktown)	10	9	—	1
16. Sweeney (Brunswick)	10	10	—	—
17. Gomez (Syd. City)	9	9	—	—
18. Lowe (Marconi)	9	9	—	—
19. Zinni (Brunswick)	9	8	—	1
20. Soper (Syd. Olympic)	9	6	1	2



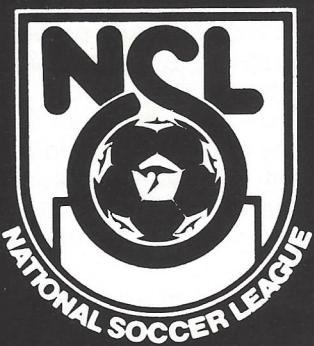
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Top Stars

Star Profile: David Hunter
— Brisbane Lions
Full Name: David Samuel Alexander Hunter
Birthplace and Date: Brisbane, July 25, 1967
Height: 184cm
Weight: 80kgs
Home: Jamboree Heights, Brisbane
Occupation: Manual Arts Student Teacher
Car: Volkswagon
Nickname: None
Previous Clubs: Oxley and Acacia Ridge Juniors
Teams you supported as a boy: Manchester United

Football hero of childhood:
None

Most memorable match: The 1985 Schoolboys Final between Queensland and NSW in Hobart. We were the first Queensland team to ever make the National Final.

Biggest thrill: Being picked for the Australian Schoolboys Team.

Biggest disappointment: Being six days too old to qualify for the next Young Socceroos team and hurting my back on the recent Schoolboys tour.

Superstitions: None

International Honours:
Australian Schoolboys.

Favourite other sports person: Australian Cricket Captain Border.

Favourite other sports: Golf

Hobbies: Restoring cars

Favourite actress/actor:
Sylvester Stallone

Favourite TV show: Hey, Hey
Its Saturday Night

Favourite musicians: Dire Straits

Biggest influence on career:
Myself.

Favourite current player:
Danny Wright (Lions)

Ambitions for 1986: Retain my NSL team spot.

Long term ambitions: To be a part of the 1990 World Cup.

After soccer career is over:
Probably go into coaching.



DAVID HUNTER

BRISBANE LIONS

IT'S CHALK AND



Allan Crisp — Soccer is his specialty. Crisp played first division in the S.A. Soccer Association, was a State selector for the S.A. Soccer Federation and was often heard as a commentator on radio. He has covered two FA Cup finals at Wembley and the World Youth Championship in Mexico.



South Australia's National Soccer League teams Adelaide City and Adelaide Hellas are adopting sharply contrasting preparations for the 1986 season.

Adelaide Hellas, financially secure after selling its valuable North Terrace property, is determined to buy success to ensure a place in the 1987 14-team NSL.

Adelaide City has restricted its buying to the State League market as it bravely continues its policy of reducing a huge debt which two years ago had it tottering on the brink of bankruptcy.

Hellas has captured most of the close season headlines with a spending splurge that saw it gain Socceroo Sweeper Charlie Yankos from Heidelberg and his national squad colleague Robbie Dunn from Preston.

Earlier Hellas acquired Youth Socceroo Lou Hristodoulou from the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra and in January welcomed the arrival of former Glasgow Celtic midfielder-striker Brian McLaughlin.

The extensive recruiting program will peak with the arrival of a Scot and an Englishman whom Hellas coach Neil McGachey negotiated for during a UK visit late last year.

Early reports suggested that Kevin Mabbutt of Crystal Palace and Scottish striker Willie Irving are the players to join Hellas, but McGachey said publicly that "they didn't fill our requirements."

Even without further additions, Hellas has a talented squad.

For starters, it has former Socceroo Martyn Crook, Gary Sproul and Alistair Crook (no relation to Martyn) vying for the first team goalkeeping position.

For a stage last season Martyn Crook dropped out of contention to concentrate on his business interests.

Then when Sproul, a former West Ham United player, suffered a severe knee injury young Alistair Crook proved his capabilities.

All three are in line for the top spot this year when Hellas aims to recapture the title glory it achieved in 1978.

McGachey will look to the new signings and his outstanding

discoveries of 1985 to set the southern Division alight.

Despite finishing 10th on the 12-team league ladder last season, Hellas produced some exciting football and some shock results — notably two wins over NSL champion Brunswick Juventus.

The best of the new crop of players were striker Gary Price, who topped the club's goalscoring list with 11 goals in his first year in the NSL, and Allan Scott, upon whom Hellas based its method of play.

Scott's superb talents were used to great effect as a free-wheeling left-sided attacker.

Burly Birkalla midfielder Mike Genikas also proved an outstanding recruit.

He joined Hellas as a fringe NSL player, but his forceful style enabled him to command a regular place alongside fellow giant Chris Manou.

But the ring leader of Hellas's best efforts and the man who

CHEESE IN ADELAIDE

SAYS ALLAN CRISP



converted probable thrashings into moderate draws or narrow losses was 1985 NSL Player of the Year Graham Honeyman.

With the prospects of a greatly improved team the skilful Honeyman will have full reign to display his fine constructive talents instead of constantly repelling the invading hordes.

Coach McGachey also will be hoping this year to have better luck with injuries than he had in 1985.

Hellas lost the youthful talents of Theo Stamatopoulos, Nick Malavazos and George Konstandopoulos for long periods, while lanky defender Brenton Hiern also was sidelined through injury.

Elegant midfielder Steve Atsalas joined the Hellas casualty list late in the season with an injury which could put him out of action for most of 1986.

By contrast, Adelaide City's prospects for the new season appear less than bright.

But it would be a mistake to dismiss City simply because it has not delved into the transfer market as spectacularly as has Hellas.

At press time Adelaide City had signed only Gary Higgins from Rothmans League champion Salisbury United and wing striker Paul Wilde from Azzurri.

New coach Zoran Matic battled hard to retain central defender Neville Flounders and goalkeeper Willie McNally after protracted contract disputes.

But Matic is resigned to losing ex-SA Youth team striker Peter Rankin, who has been training with Adelaide Croatia at the request of its new coach Peter Jakska.

Matic is an accomplished coach with a fine list of successes at State League level with Beograd-Woodville.

He has had an unlucky start to his demanding new role at City, losing new signing Wilde with ankle ligament damage suffered while playing indoor soccer.

Matic also had to begin City's defence of the SA Ampol Cup minus 1984 NSL Player of the Year Sergio Melta and striker Fortunato Costanzo.

Melta returned from SA's triumphant tour of India with a broken lower right arm, while Costanzo is recovering from an off-season cartilage operation.

The good news is that Matic has former City star Johnny Perin as the club's director of coaching and an excellent, well balanced squad.

It was from this squad that SA coach Mike Wells chose the bulk of his team which won the coveted DCM trophy in India late last year.

The players were City captain Bugsy Nyskohus, who doubled as SA skipper, Neville Founders, Sergio Melta, Steve Maxwell, Charley Villani, Willie McNally and Adrian Santrac.

A glance through that list prompts the question — Does Adelaide City need new signings? □



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SALUTE THE CENTURIANS

Here are the loyal stalwarts who have played more than 100 games for one club. The first figure denotes full appearances, the second appearance as substitute. Only National League and Final Five figures have been included.

Sydney City's evergreen Jinky Joe Watson has just edged out St. George's John O'Shea on overall appearances. Counting ALL NSL games and substitutions, Joe has made 236 appearances for the Slickers, whilst John O'Shea has made 235, including 56 for Canberra City.

But what a marvellous record the O'Shea brothers have between them. When Michael O'Shea reached his century and joined his brothers John and Robert, it meant that they had played a grand total of 419 games (413 plus 6 substitutions) between them.

There have been other notable examples of brothers playing at the same time, the Bannon boys, Paddy, Vince, Ged and Eammon come readily to mind, but it is probably that the O'Sheas' record is unique anywhere in the world.

Another noteworthy achievement is that of three Sydney City stalwarts, Joe Watson, Murray Barnes and Steve O'Connor, who between them have notched up 651 appearances for the Slickers. Is this the secret of Sydney City's success over the last ten years?

ADELAIDE CITY

216 + 1	Bugsy Nyskohus
178 + 13	Sergio Melta
161 + 3	John Nyskohus
142 + 9	Brian Northcote
127	John Perin
117 + 8	Gary Marocchi
110 + 7	Charlie Villani
103 + 1	Bobby Russell

BRISBANE CITY

207 + 4	Frank Pimblett
162	Kim Wishart
155 + 5	Steve Perry
142 + 1	Billy Wilkinson
134 + 5	Bobby Hamilton
116 + 7	Larry Gaffney

BRISBANE LIONS

209 + 3	Alan Niven
155	Col Bennett
109 + 1	Nigel Lownds
107	Jim Hermiston
105 + 3	Steve Hogg

CANBERRA OLYMPIANS

174 + 1	Terry Byrne
107 + 10	Ian Gibson
106	Steve Hoszowski

FOOTSCRAY

188 + 3	Zdravko Lujic
183	Dennis Boland
157 + 9	Igor Hazabent
157 + 2	Jim Kondarios
141 + 8	Zoran Ilioski
116 + 4	Kyri Kyriakouleas
113 + 11	Vlatko Belic
100	Joe Piciaone

HEIDELBERG

180 + 12	Theo Selemidis
177 + 5	Jim Campbell
175 + 2	Gary Cole
152	Arthur McMillan
149	Jeff Olver
139	Jim Tansey
132 + 1	Charlie Yankos
105 + 2	Pat Bannon
103 + 17	Ken Taylor

APIA LEICHHARDT

153 + 1	Terry Butler
123 + 4	Mark Pullen
120 + 6	Tony Morsello
108 + 2	John Bradley
102 + 2	Peter Wilson

MARCONI

181 + 12	Mark Jankovics
167 + 4	Tony Henderson
161 + 12	Peter Sharne
159	Alan Maher
141	Ivo Prskalo
135	Paul Degney
114	Gary Byrne
103 + 26	Bertie Mariani

NEWCASTLE

146 + 12	Joe Senkalski
136 + 10	David Jones
131 + 10	Craig Mason
124	Roy Drinkwater
113 + 1	Phil Dando
101 + 2	Col Curran

PRESTON

118 + 6	George McMillan
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SOUTH MELBOURNE

173	Peter Laumets
147 + 5	Steve Blair
140 + 2	Alan Davidson
128	Arthur Xanthopoulos
114	Charlie Egan
109 + 3	Billy Rogers
102 + 3	Alun Evans
101 + 3	George Campbell

ST. GEORGE

177 + 2	John O'Shea
126 + 1	Robert O'Shea
113 + 3	Peter Stone
112	David Skeen
110 + 3	Michael O'Shea

SYDNEY CITY

230 + 6	Joe Watson
204 + 5	Murray Barnes
202 + 4	Steve O'Connor
143 + 5	Alex Robertson
143	Todd Clarke
131	John Kosmina
122 + 9	Kevin Mullen
116 + 10	Jim Cant
104 + 2	Ian Bruce
103 + 11	Ian Souness
101	John Stevenson

SYDNEY OLYMPIC

165 + 1	Gary Meier
164 + 2	Graham Jennings
157 + 4	Peter Raskopoulos
127 + 3	Peter Katholos
101	Martyn Rogers

ADELAIDE HELLAS

213 + 5	Graham Honeyman
195 + 8	Ian McGregor
179 + 1	Martyn Crook
134 + 2	Neil McGachey

WOLLONGONG

114 + 2	Peter Willis
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We are indebted to 'Melbourne Sun' soccer writer Peter Desira for all the statistics. □





John Taylor is a sports writer with the Daily and Sunday Telegraph in Sydney. He specialises in cricket and soccer. Taylor first became involved in soccer in the historical year when Rale Basic's Socceroos qualified for the 1974 World Cup finals. But it was not until the following year that he became chief soccer writer for both papers.

His first mission for the News Limited Group was covering the national team's 1976 world tour. He went overseas to Asia with the Socceroos in 1977 when Jimmy Shoulder's team was unsuccessful in the World Cup qualifying campaign.

Then followed a tour of India with the Australian team in 1979.

He says covering the Socceroos controversial 1980 world tour when Rudi Gutendorf was in charge will stick in his mind for a long time. Taylor says that Gutendorf was a pressman's dream.

His next major soccer trip was to Mexico for the 1983 World Youth Championship finals when Les Scheinflug had control of the Young Socceroos.

He closely followed Australia's gallant but unsuccessful latest World Cup venture under coach Frank Arok which ended with that very memorable draw against Scotland in Melbourne.

"I wish everyone would stop calling us the big spenders of the National League. It is very annoying — and not quite true," the speaker is Casey deBruin, coach of Blacktown City.

To say that the Demons have captured the imagination of the Australian soccer public this year would be an understatement.

The Demons have swept the broom through the club with no fewer than eight players missing from last year's first team.

"The reason is very simple," says Casey, "Chris Dunleavy, Cliff Pointer and Tony Rasmussen are all finished with serious football because of bad injuries. Stuart (Smurf) Selvage has retired and Phil O'Connor was tragically killed in a

NORTHERN

By John Taylor

BLACKTOWN'S NEW TEAM: AND KEEGAN IS COMING

car accident. John Larkin has gone to England.

"That means we sold only two players, Robert Wheatley to Marconi and John McKie to St. George. Those deals gave us a return of \$29,000.

"When you consider we outlaid \$37,000 for Robbie Slater, Don McLeod, Peter Willis and Jeff Ainsworth we haven't done too badly.

"Joe Carroll was free as part of the deal with McLeod from Footscray.

"Then we have Peter Denyer and Adam Sandy from England and David Sharpe and Darren Northam join us from the Australian Institute of Sport."

It is understood that Blacktown's signing on fees were very attractive.

Blacktown didn't reach the quarter finals of the NSW Federation Ampol Cup.

"Beating Sydney City in the last round was most encouraging but blending new players doesn't happen overnight," DeBruin said.

Blacktown has lured former England great Kevin Keegan out, for two matches and coaching clinics in May. He was such a big hit last year and oozes personality.

Sydney City boss Eddie Thomson doesn't intend to get a sore throat this year, nor is he greatly perturbed by the NSL's 14 team concept next year.

Unlike most coaches, Thomson hasn't rushed into the transfer market and he'll be watching his team perform from the grandstand instead of yelling abuse from the dug outs.

He has left his assistant Mick Hickman calling the shots from the bench.

All the old firm is there except for goalkeeper Tony Pezzano, who moved to Apia.

"I have left my options open if some player I want comes along," Thomson said.

Robert Hooker, who captained the Young Socceroos to the WYC finals in Russia last year, is with the Slickers, "He's a former junior anyway," says Thomson.

Ian Souness and John Spanos are no strangers to the club and have played with Slickers' championship teams before.

Thomson reckons Sydney Olympic and Marconi will be the ones to beat in the Northern Division.

You can bet Thommo's men will be right among the championship contenders once again.

Clubs have dished out some big money for defenders this year, Marconi paid \$25,000 to Blacktown for sweeper Robert Wheatley.

Marconi coach Les Scheinflug is the first to admit it's big bikkies for a defender, so why did he buy him?

Scheinflug says: "It is money well spent. I was frightened that if I had not moved in some other club would have beaten me to Wheatley's signature.

"He is young and highly talented.

"He settled into his role at Marconi very quickly. Robbie is fast and he plays the ball direct and simple out of defence."

Scheinflug was not carried away with results achieved in the pre-season Ampol Cup. "The opposition we played in the preliminary rounds was very mediocre. A number of teams were not fit," he said.

The former national coach has Raul Blanco searching for "wing talent" in South America.

PREVIEW



Scheinflug was forced to field a makeshift forward line in the early rounds of the Cup.

Peter Sharne has retired, Rod Brown's pelvis complicates a headache, Geoff Gunning damaged his knee and there was no Mark Jankovics. The former Socceroo has since agreed to stay with Marconi.

Well, you can't keep an old soldier out of the game, Rale Rasic is back!

While Rasic can live on the memory that he took the Socceroos to the World Cup finals in West Germany, now more than a decade ago, he has had his share of bad times with NSL teams.

After 'holidaying' for three years, Rasic takes over APIA from Fil Bottalico.

It wouldn't be Rale Rasic if he didn't boast how he was going to

give APIA the "kiss of life".

Frankly speaking, Rale must have been delighted with the way the team is showing up, judging by results achieved in the preliminary games in the Ampol Cup. The Leichhardt boys topped Group B.

APIA takes on a different look to the team that just escaped relegation from the Northern Division last year.

He said he secured a couple of real bargains in strikers, Mark Koussas (Olympic) and Darren Stewart (Newcastle Rosebud).

And he feels he spent wisely on experienced goalkeeper Tony Pezzano (Slickers) and Wollongong City pair, midfielders Alex Bundalo and Zivko (Jimmy) Hristovski.

The big loss, of course, is Tommy McCulloch. Rale says "No player is bigger than the game."

Rale has employed Zefko Kafka and John Stoddart to run the technical coaching of the club's juniors.

Just how much will Sydney Croatia miss striker Jimmy Patikas? That's the question on everyone's lips.

Maybe if Patikas had not starred for Australia in the World Cup qualifying scoreless draw with Scotland in December, Croatia's top goalscorer last year could still be in Sydney rather than signing for AEK Athens in Greece.

According to reports from Greece, Patikas was delighting the fans and enjoying very good publicity — that's until he broke his nose.

Croatia, which just couldn't last the distance in the league last season, was all set to sign up Socceroo midfielder Oscar Crino before he surprisingly packed up and headed for Cyprus.

Stopper Bruno Vidaic has retired and attempts to find a strong man in Australia so far have failed.

After finally signing Socceroo left back Graham Jennings from Olympic for \$25,000, Croatia president Tony Basic said the club still expected to bring out an experienced player from overseas.

Croatia may find it more difficult this season simply because the pressure is on for survival.

The NSL needs Vedran Rozic's team to entertain purely to assist the struggling clubs for gate revenue.

Wollongong City chairman Laurie Kelly is optimistic about the Wolves chances this winter.

The club has a new coach in John Fleming and the Wolves have a touch of South American flair for the first time.

Uruguayan Saul Rivero was here only a matter of days before he scored his first goal for the club against Melite Eagles in the last round of the Ampol Cup.

The Wolves needed to win that match to make the quarter finals.

"Never mind. The NSL is what it is all about and we'll give everyone a real shake," said Kelly, the NSW Speaker of the House.

Rivero comes highly recommended and played in the

midfield with Penarol and Liverpool in Uruguay.

What's more he is a free kick specialist.

Of the new faces, former *Slackers*' winger Willie Murray is the only one with vast NSL experience. Striker David Batten had a few games with St George and goalie Warwick Young made the odd NSL appearance.

It could take Jock Morlando and Robert Giraldi time to settle in as they played in the State League with Fleming's former club, Fairy Meadow.

Englishman Bryan Cokely hopes to win a midfield spot.

Kelly admitted his club was still searching the globe for a quality striker.

Inter Monaro coach Frank Maccarone performed a miracle with a team which was new to the NSL's Northern Division last year.

Monaro was headed for the scrap heap until Maccarone waved the magic wand. Not only did Monaro escape relegation — they finished a very creditable seventh in the standings.

He now says that his team is "ready" to take on the giants.

Striker Steve Winn and attacking midfielder Peter Wotherspoon are two valuable signings.

Maccarone said that both are lacking fitness because they were late starters. Wotherspoon scored three goals in one Ampol Cup match against his former club Penrith City.

The Inter Monaro coach is looking to a forward line of Sebastain Giampaolo, right winger Victor Trajonoski and Winn to make life a misery for opposition defences.

Maccarone's biggest headache was to find a goalkeeper after Michael Hawkins quit and went overseas.

He managed to lure Nick Antopolous out of retirement and now the experienced Steve Hoszowski has agreed to play again.

"It is amazing what morale can do for a team and we have plenty of it," Maccarone said.

St George boss Frank Arok has relied on the country where he formerly coached — Yugoslavia — to find a class midfielder.

His name is Miklos Orszag. While he's in the veteran class, Miklos possesses the skills Saints so badly needed in midfield.

Miklos once played for the famous Red Star. Arok believes that young Pedro Ricoy will reap the benefits of playing alongside the experienced professional. Arok has also brought out another Yugoslavian. Zoran Beluzic is a striker and comes from Arok's former club Novisad.

There are those in the club who feel striker Robbie Slater will be a great loss — Arok is not one of them.

"We are rich in defenders, more creative in midfield and we'll have more forward power this year," Arok insists.

Other newcomers are goalie Mike Gibson, defender Michael Boogaard, strikers John McKie and Tony Caban. A late addition will be striker Stewart Porter from East Fife in Scotland.

You have to hand it to Joe Senkalski for being so loyal to Newcastle. If anyone had cause to desert the sinking Rosebud ship it would be Joe. The classy midfielder has turned his back on top Sydney club offers in the past even when there was very little incentive for him to stay in Newcastle.

Rosebud would probably operate on the smallest budget in the NSL and it is little wonder some of the club's better players have called it quits.

Michael Boogaard, Simon Brandt and Darren Stewart have moved on, John McQuarrie is in limbo, so is David Jones, and Andrew Thompson is no longer with the club.

Rosebud have a new coach in Peter Irving, who replaces Willie Gallagher.

Irving went to England to recruit some players and he found defender John Cavanagh from Rochdale and midfielder Paul Crabtree, who was an apprentice with Burnley.

But neither were here for the preliminary rounds of the Ampol Cup and Rosebud surprised by winning Group D — a section which also included Sydney Olympic and St George.

Bobby Naumov, who lives in Newcastle but tried his luck with Olympic last year, has joined

Rosebud and striker Sean Ingham has returned to his hometown after spending time at the AIS.

If everything goes right for Canterbury Marrickville Olympic, the NSL Northern Division newcomers could have three top Greek players appearing for the club. The club was negotiating with two players from Panathinaikos and new coach Dom Kapetanovic sent out an SOS to Yugoslavia.

He found an attacking midfielder in Radomir Vidovic. "There have been immigration problems," says club secretary Damian Fokas.

The club contacted Greece again and found a player from the Ofi club willing to come out.

Other pre-season results can be misleading, but it was evident from the Ampol Cup that Kapetanovic needs to strengthen his team otherwise it could be a very bleak winter.

Kapetanovic takes over from Raul Blanco — the man who guided Canterbury into the National League. Blanco was forced to return to Argentina because of family reasons.

A number of South American players made themselves available to Australian clubs and Augusto Placios has been snapped up by Canberra City Olympians.

Canberra coach Roy Thomson checked out the player's credentials before fixing up a visa for him.

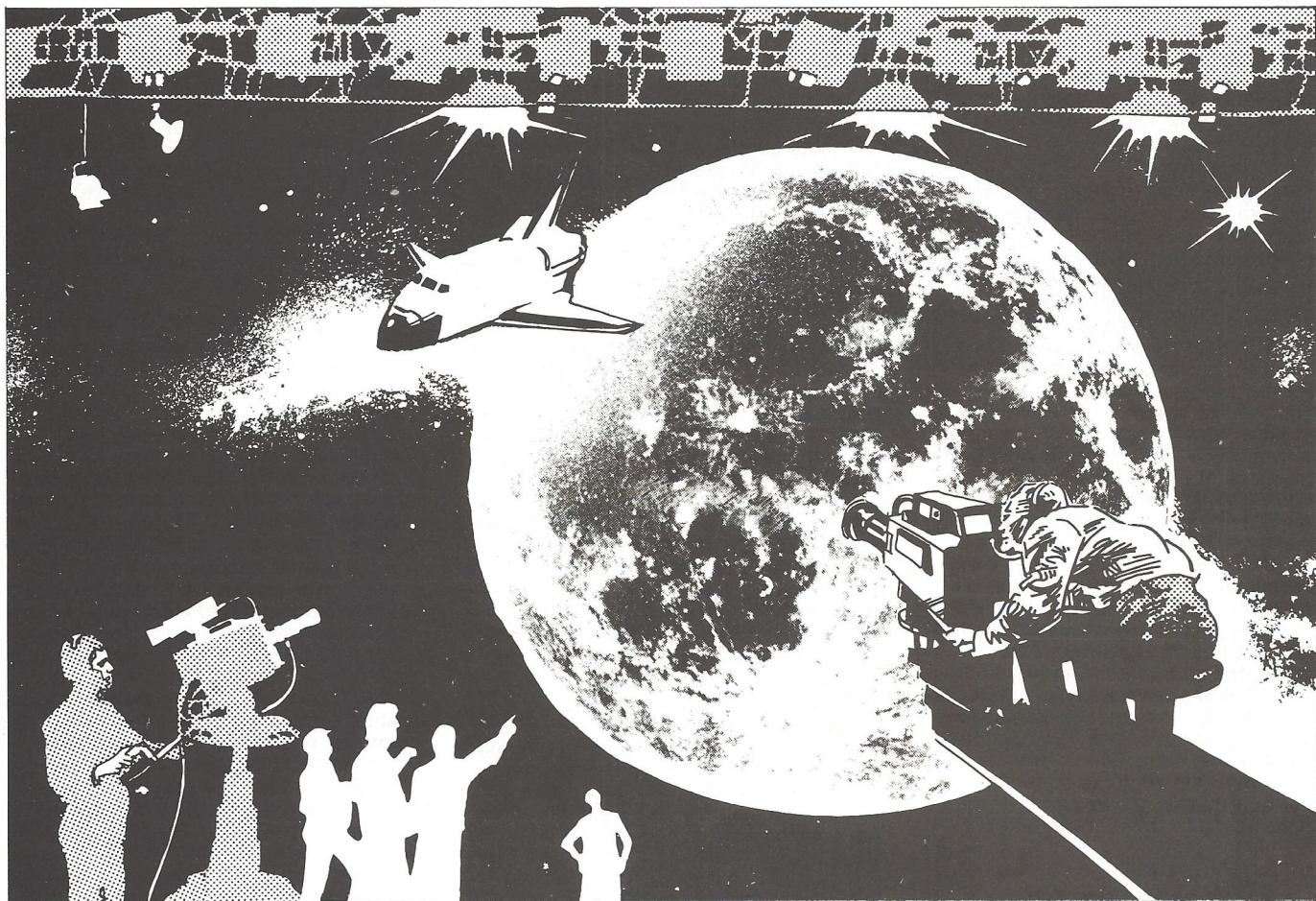
"We almost got caught with another South American called Houseman. It was not the great Argentinian Rene, as we were led to believe, but a relation called Marcello," said Thomson.

The club also expects to sign up an experienced Scottish striker for two years. John Bourke, who has been highly recommended by Ian Gibson, has to stay with Dumbarton until the club knows whether it has won promotion to the premier league.

Thomson was a bit worried about a goalkeeper but Tony Franken is back from Europe. "Tony played in Belgium and spent some time in Holland, but got very homesick," said the Canberra coach.

Thomson said that several clubs have tried to poach exciting young striker Manis Lamond. "he won't be leaving," Thomson declared. □

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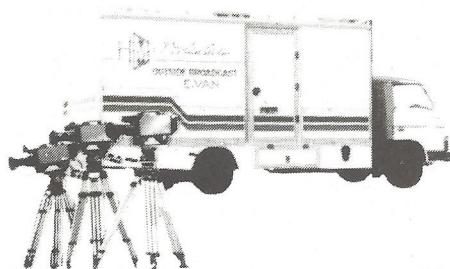
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BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS

1985 CHAMPIONS

Despite the furore caused by his switch to Juve, Len McKendry has kept silent about his reasons for the switch and has refused to be drawn into controversy. But when the NSL Magazine interviewed him for this issue he was more forthcoming.

Les Shorrock: What caused you to want to move to Juventus after being so successful at South, Len?

Len McKendry: In a word, Les, politics. It's as simple as that. In the end I was forced to leave because I had been appointed in the first case by Leo Anezakis. I have no quarrel whatsoever with the supporters, or the players, or with most of the committee, in fact I feel to this day that most of the committee don't know how it came about. I wanted to leave first of all a year ago when Leo Anezakis stepped down as President, but he persuaded me to stay for the sake of the club. We had won everything that year and I felt there wasn't any more I could offer, but Leo thought otherwise, and the man is such a gentleman and I think so much of him that I stayed. But it wasn't easy, especially with such a small squad, and I had a big struggle to persuade the club to buy Garry McDowall. After the season had ended, I began to realise my position was becoming untenable, even though I had supporters and some committeemen coming up to me begging me to stay, and after Juventus showed an interest, I started talking to them. It was all very

cloak and dagger, and Juve President Joe Caruso met me in some very unlikely places, I can tell you.

It was really Joe Caruso who persuaded me to move, and I regard him as another thorough gentleman, like Leo Anezakis. Nobody in the game has a bad word for Joe, and I've found him always to be a man of his word.

L.S: You've gone from the club that finished top of the League to the one that won the championship. Both must be good teams, how do you compare them?

L.McK: Before I answer that question, let me say that I've kept very quiet and not confided in the Press up till now, because I wanted to get to know my players. Now when we talk, "it's us" not me and you anymore.

I had a great deal of respect for the Juventus squad before I went there, after all, they took three points and five goals off us last year, and I don't think they have yet realised their full potential.

L.S.: Well, that's good news for Juve supporters, what can they expect this year that's different?

L.McK: For a start, we are going to attack more. I like scoring goals, when we win, I like us to win by a few goals. I don't know where the impression arose that I am defensively minded. In the last two seasons at South we conceded only 20 goals per season, that's because we had a good defence. But we also had the top goalscorer in the country. It was Doug Brown twice and then Charlie Egan last year. What's defensive about that? In fact everywhere I've coached where there has been the potential, I've finished up with the top goalscorer,

remember it was Gary Cole when I was at Heidelberg.

L.S: So we can expect even more goals from the Black and Whites this year.

L.McK: You certainly can Les, if I have anything to do with it. For one thing, we are going to attack the ball more.

Juventus has been playing too square, and the team is going to get the ball forward much more quickly. I have acquired a big bonus at Juventus in that the midfield is capable of scoring goals. Just look at them, Mike Petersen, Paul Wade and Robbie Cullen, all proven goalscorers, and now that John Yzendoorn has joined us, John Dowie will be able to move up into the midfield to add a bit of bite and top-class experience, and I reckon that now I have the classiest midfield in the League.

L.S: Let's look at your squad in more detail, Len, for instance how do you rate your defence?

L.McK: I think our defence will prove to be the best in the country. For a start Peter Lewis just has to be the best right back around and Eddie Campbell at left back has come on in leaps and bounds. Everyone knows that John Yzendoorn is one of the best sweepers in the game, Brian Brown is a sterling stopper and captain, and behind them is Yakka Banovic, with a wealth of first class experience to call upon already.

L.S: So you have the best defence in the country, and the midfield is also first-rate, does the team have any weaknesses at all, Len?

L.McK: Yes, up front we lack a partner for big Joe Sweeney. Joe can't do it all on his own and anyway, as you well know, good strikers hunt in pairs, Egan



THE JUVENTUS RECORD

1949	Promoted to Victorian Second Division after winning every game in Third Division	1959	and also the State League Cup. Won Ampol Cup.
1951	Promoted to Second Division	1960	Won Dockerty Cup.
1952	Won First Division and Armstrong Cup Reserves.	1966	Won Armstrong Cup.
1953-56	First Division champions four years in succession.	1969	State League Champion.
1955	Won Armstrong Cup.	1970	State League Champion. won Dockerty and State League Cups.
1958	Won the New State League,	1971	Won Dockerty Cup.
		1972	Won Dockerty Cup.
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Back Row (left to right): Len McKendry (Coach), Mike Petersen, Paul Wade, Peter Lewis, Pat Marama, Yakka Banovic, Brian Brown, Joe Sweeney, Fabio Incantalo, Joe Caruso (President). Front Row (left to right): Reno Minichello, Andrew Zinni, Mehmet Durakovic, Joe Palatsidis, Rob Cullen, John Dowie, Eddie Campbell.

and Brown are a notable example. When Brown is off form, Egan suffers, but when they are both on song they are deadly. They scored 31 goals between them last year, you know.

In an effort to solve the problem temporarily, I've signed Jamie Paton, who is a proven goalscorer, and has a better record than most people might suspect. He is, after all, eleventh on the all-time League goalscorer's list with 65 goals.

L.S: You've spoken about having to manage with a small squad at South last year, what is Juve's depth, in comparison?

L.McK: I'm very excited about the potential at Juve, Les. Fabio Incantalo came up from the Junior set-up, which is very strong and very active, and four more have followed Fab's example and have already broken through. They are Pat Marama, whose goalkeeping was a revelation in the Buffalo Gold Cup, Mehmet Durakovic, Joe Palatsidis, and Reno Minichello. These boys can all step into the first team at any time without letting us down.

L.S: This leads us to the \$64,000 question, Len, are you going to win the championship again this year?

L.McK: I don't know the answer to that one Les, but one thing I do know, we are going to give it a hell of a shake. Before I finish, I'd also like to mention the sterling work being done for us by Tony Brown. Tony did very well with the Youth squad at South, as you know, and he's going to do the same at Juve. I don't think he'll be an assistant coach for much longer. He thinks a lot about the game, and I can see him eventually becoming another John Gardiner or Bill Murray in coaching ability.

It is no exaggeration to say that Brunswick Juventus shocked the well-established NSL clubs when it won the National championship last year in only its second season in the League.

But it came as no surprise to shrewd team manager Joe Caruso, whose careful team-building, and partnership with coach John Margaritis brought it all about. It was the climax to a successful three-year stint for Margaritis. When he joined the club it was in the State League, and by the end of last season, only three players remained from the State League team he took over. They were Robbie Cullen, Paul Drinoczy and Andrew Zinni.

Goalkeeper Yakka Banovic who had two seasons with Derby County before returning to Australia, was bought from Melbourne Croatia for \$18,000, as was classy full-back Peter Lewis, also for \$18,000, a record for a full back until Graham Jennings' recent move from Sydney Olympic to Sydney Croatia for \$25,000. Midfielders Paul Wade came from Green Gully for a bargain \$5,000, Mike Petersen was snapped up from Heidelberg for \$8,000 and Richard Miranda cost \$4,000 from Box Hill.

The biggest bargain of all, though, was captain Brian Brown, who came out as a guest player after captaining Scottish club Falkirk, and liked it so much he stayed.

Richard Miranda has now gone on to South Melbourne with coach John

Margaritis whilst Juve has bought John Yzendoorn, the ex-Socceroo sweeper for \$14,500. Yzendoorn had previously played for both South and Heidelberg under coach Len McKendry, so he should have no trouble settling in. But the surprise felt when Juve clinched the championship was minor compared to the close season bombshell when South and Juventus swapped coaches, with McKendry leaving the club he had led to the top of the League in two successive seasons, and being replaced by John Margaritis. □

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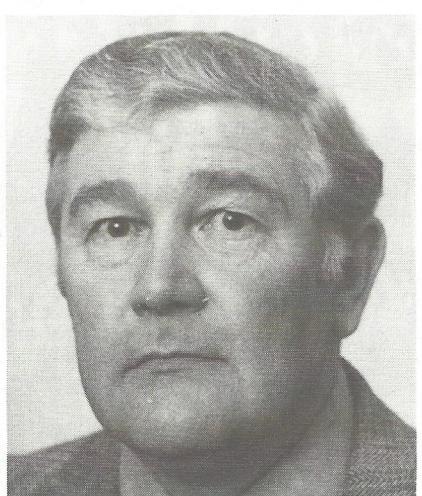
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A former player at junior and senior level in Scotland, Bob Brian has been in journalism in one capacity or another for 34 years.

The traditional rivalry between South Melbourne and Heidelberg United looks like being superseded by another, even more intense, conflict when the Southern Division of the National League gets under way.

The all-Greek clash will, of course, still "get them in", but events of last season have guaranteed an extra edge to the games between South Melbourne and National League champions Juventus.

Not only have these two exchanged coaches with Len McKendry going to Juventus and John Margaritis moving to South, the teams haven't exactly seen eye to eye on the field and their meeting in the Buffalo Gold Cup gave more than just a little hint of aggro.

Juventus, having taken the championship away from South, is riding on a crest of confidence and the return of goalkeeper Yakka Banovic and sweeper John Dowie will have Juventus at full strength.

An added bonus will be the signing of John Yzendoorn — from South.

Juventus won't give up its title without a good fight and will certainly be there at the finish.

VICTORIAN PREVIEW

By Bob Brian

South Melbourne has had a nightmare start to the season by failing to win one of five Buffalo Gold Cup games and losing twice to State League opposition.

But the return of Socceroo Alan Davidson from Nottingham Forest and the signing of Scot, Frank McGrellis, from South Africa could be the confidence booster the club badly needs.

It starts off with a game against Juventus and follows that by playing old rival Heidelberg.

It's a tough opening to the season, but one which could set things right.

The team they will all have to fear is Melbourne Croatia, which has certainly looked the pick of the Buffalo Cup contestants.

Coach Miron Bleiberg has the players extremely fit and playing a brand of soccer which is not only effective, but good to watch.

They have been strengthened by the arrival of strikers Ante Lubij and Davor Todoric and with Gary Ward, Robert Markovac and Josip Biskic already fighting for places, Croatia has a striking strength second to none.

This could be a particularly productive season for 21-year-old mid-fielder Steve Gojevic, who has been made club captain.

Gojevic showed last year that he has tremendous potential and certainly looks a Socceroo prospect. As long as he can carry the extra responsibility that has been thrust upon him, he should emerge as one of the stars of the season.

Heidelberg will again rely a lot on the ability of coach Brian Garvey to

knit largely untried youngsters into a team capable of keeping the club out of the relegation zone.

He has done it before and there is no reason why he cannot do it again.

He has lost skipper and Socceroo sweeper Charlie Yankos as well as strikers Steve Winn and Stuart Stevenson, so he has a big job ahead of him.

But Garvey seems to thrive on adversity and if he can get the experienced mid-fielder he is looking for, Heidelberg could surprise more than a few.

Preston Macedonia is another team which has adopted a more attacking attitude than most and even the loss of centre back Robb Dunn should not be too much of a set back.

Gary Cole, the big blond striker, who was once a regular in the Australian national team, has shown signs of recapturing the form which made him one of the deadliest strikers in the country.

With Sean Lane carrying on as if there hadn't been a break and Steve Smith nearing full fitness, Preston coach Bill Murray has every reason to be satisfied with his strike force.

At the back he has lost George McMillan, a great club man, but Ian Dobson has recovered from the injuries which haunted him last season.

The addition of twice Rothmans Medal winner in Perth Ron Campbell and Mike Necovski from Yugoslavia will undoubtedly strengthen the mid-field and provide the support the front men need.

Preston also has a youngster who should emerge as a future international this season — goalkeeper Philip Traianidis, who

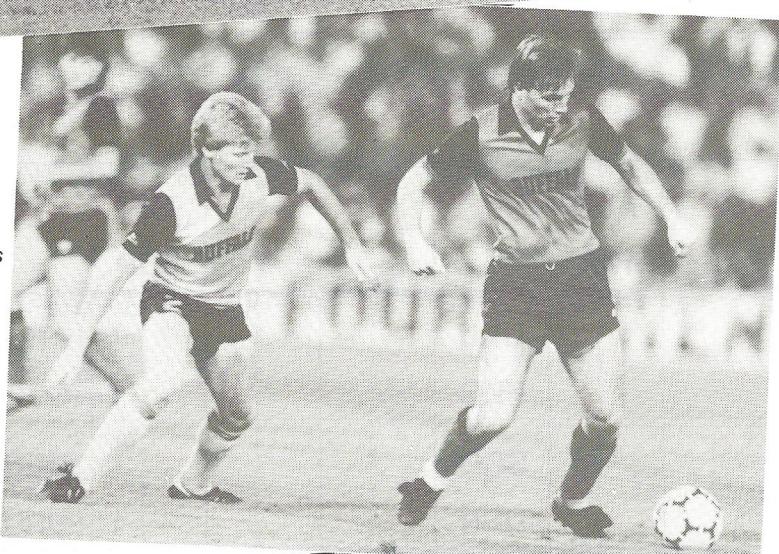
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played so well last season that he kept New Zealand World Cup goalkeeper Richard Wilson on the bench.

Sunshine George Cross, Footscray and Green Gully look the clubs most likely to be battling against relegation — principally because they don't have the money to recruit the players they need.

Footscray has brought three over from Yugoslavia — Milos Stosic, a youth international striker from Red Star Belgrade, goalkeeper Nikitovic from Napredak and mid-fielder Vukcevic from Bucharest.

They may take time to settle along with new coach Drago Sekularac, whose knowledge of Australian soccer is limited.

But he had a big reputation as a player and if his coaching is only half as good, he will certainly improve the team.

Sunshine George Cross has tried hard to buy players in England without a lot of success, but it is still trying.

They have, however, one important asset, coach John Gardiner, one of the most astute in the country.

Gardiner has already worked wonders with limited resources and if he can only get the players he needs, Sunshine George Cross could give the competition a real shake.

Green Gully's new coach George Murray isn't all that far away from having a good blend.

He has good players like Stuart Cannell, Steve McClelland, Les Carter, Tommy Cumming, George Campbell, Claude Lucchesi and Paul Lewis, but so far they haven't knitted together in the way he hoped they would.

Still, where there is talent there is always hope and if Gully hit it off, they will be hard to beat on their own ground.

One thing is certain, the promise of restructure next season has put all the clubs under pressure and that can produce some exciting soccer.

Getting the fans in is the name of the game, and this season could see the first increase in attendances for a long time. □

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1st Round – Group Matches

		Saturday 31 May	Sunday 1 June	Monday 2 June	Tuesday 3 June	Wednesday 4 June	Thursday 5 June	Friday 6 June	Saturday 7 June	Sunday 8 June	Monday 9 June	Tuesday 10 June
A	Puebla Estadio Cuauhtémoc	Opening Match Group A					13 12.00 ITA v ARG					27 12.00 KOR v ITA
	Mexico-City Estadio Olímpico '68			4 12.00 ARG v KOR			14 16.00 KOR v BUL					28 12.00 ARG v BUL
B	Mexico-City Estadio Azteca 2000	1 12.00 BUL v ITA			7 12.00 BEL v MEX				19 12.00 MEX v PAR			
	Toluca Estadio de Toluca					10 12.00 PAR v IRQ				22 12.00 IRQ v BEL		
C	León Estadio de León		2 16.00 CAN v FRA				15 12.00 FRA v URS				25 12.00 HUN v FRA	
	Irapuato Estadio de Irapuato			5 12.00 URS v HUN				16 12.00 HUN v CAN			26 12.00 URS v CAN	
D	Guadalajara Estadio Jalisco		3 12.00 ESP v BRA					17 12.00 BRA v ALG				
	Guadalajara Estadio 3 de Marzo				8 12.00 ALG v NIR				20 12.00 NIR v ESP			
E	Querétaro Estadio La Corregidora					11 12.00 URU v FRG				23 12.00 FRG v SCO		
	Nezahualcoyotl Estadio Neza '86					12 16.00 SCO v DEN				24 16.00 DEN v URU		
F	Monterrey Estadio Universitario			6 16.00 MOR v POL					21 16.00 POL v POR			
	Monterrey Estadio Tecnológico				9 16.00 POR v ENG				18 16.00 ENG v MOR			
Matches/Day		1	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	2

Abbreviations — key to the abbreviations used in the match schedule

ITA Italy
BUL Bulgaria

MEX Mexico
BEL Belgium

FRA France
CAN Canada

BRA Brazil
ESP Spain

FRG Germany FR
URU Uruguay

POL Poland
MOR Morocco

ARG Argentina
KOR Korea Rep.

MATCH SCHEDULE

Hours = Local Time

				2nd Round – 1/8 Finals				Quarter Finals		Semi-Finals	3rd/4th Place	Final	Matches/ Stadium
	Wednesday 11 June	Thursday 12 June	Friday 13 June	Sunday 15 June	Monday 16 June	Tuesday 17 June	Wednesday 18 June	Saturday 21 June	Sunday 22 June	Wednesday 25 June	Saturday 28 June	Sunday 29 June	
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31 16.00 POR v MOR													3
				35 12.00 DEN v FRG			44 16.00 3 E1 v D2						4
				36 12.00 SCO v URU									3
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URS USSR
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ALG Algeria
NIR Northern Ireland

SCO Scotland
DEN Denmark

POR Portugal
ENG England

ADELAIDE BOY MAKES GOOD

A year ago we featured Adelaide-born Tony Dorigo, who, when he was only 16 years old went off to England to trial for famous Aston Villa on the recommendation of Justin Fashanu. Dorigo is now an integral part of Villa's first team, and in this interview, in the Villa magazine last November he talks about his hopes for the future.



The 20-year-old full-back is committed to becoming a British citizen and already he has placed his Aston Villa career above an opportunity to represent Australia in the World Cup.

"They asked me if I'd like to play while they were on tour here last season but I had to explain it was impossible to take six weeks off. My priority is to get established and I couldn't afford to be away for so long."

It was not a decision taken lightly, but Tony's determination to become a regular First Division player in his adopted country was fully endorsed by his family.

His parents, Robert and Rosemary, and his younger sister, Lisa, came to England two years ago to make sure Tony didn't have homesickness problems. It was a major upheaval for the family but well worthwhile now that he has topped 50 senior appearances for Villa.

"Their original idea was to go back to Australia once I had settled in here, but now they have decided to stay and have put their house in Australia up for sale," explains Tony.

Both his parents have jobs in Birmingham and, one day, his dad would like to run his own business. Sister Lisa is enjoying school-life here and is showing signs of becoming a good tennis player.

The next step in deepening the Dorigo's roots here is for Tony to qualify for a British passport. He has to be resident for five years and will complete this formality in 12 months time.

At the moment, as far as the English football authorities are concerned, he is neither Australian or British — but Italian! His father was born in Italy and the only way into League football for Tony was through the EEC regulations permitting free movement of labour throughout the Community.

"I was able to get a resident's permit because of my father's Italian passport," he says. "It was renewable every 12 months but last year it was extended and now I'll be okay until I become a British citizen."

Technically, Tony is eligible at

the moment to play for Australia or Italy but the choice will eventually widen to six countries!

As in the case of Everton's Pat Van de Hauwe, who was born in Belgium but elected to represent Wales this year, Tony would be available to any of the four Home countries once in possession of a British passport.

But if the opportunity should arise he has already made his choice. "If I make it in this country, then I feel my ambition should be to play for England," he says.

"The English League is number one in the world, probably rivalled only by the Italian League, and if I were lucky enough to play international football then England are number one for me."

England manager Bobby Robson is fully aware of the situation and has hinted that he would be interested in selecting Tony for the Under-21 team when the time comes. A new two-year European Under-21 Championship begins next season and Tony would still be inside the age limit.

"Mr Robson has not actually spoken to me but I've heard things through other people," says Tony. "Playing for the Under-21 team is something to aim for, but we'll have to see how things are in a year's time. It's something of an irony that a player with England ambitions should be keenly monitoring Australia's results at a crucial stage in the Oceania qualifying group for next year's World Cup. The decisive game could well be the one between Australia and New Zealand tomorrow."

The group winners will play off with Scotland for a place in Mexico. If it should be Australia taking on Graeme Souness and Co, Tony says "I'll definitely be cheering them on. Hopefully, I'll be back home next summer watching them on TV in the World Cup Finals."

Two members of the current Australia side have played in England. Alan Davidson was with Nottingham Forest last season and John Kosmina, the captain, had a spell with Arsenal a few years ago.

While Tony Dorigo has some regrets that he won't be making it

a hat-trick, his development is still followed closely in the Australian newspapers. A London-based pressman often rings him up and Tony sends information to Tom McKain, a reporter in Adelaide.

Like all Australians, the Villa player is interested in cricket and wasn't exactly chuffed when we reminded him about the recent Ashes series. He has rather unhappy memories of going to Edgbaston for the Fifth Test in August.

"It was the day Botham was hitting sixes back over McDermott's head," he recalls ruefully. "After watching that, I decided to leave, and as I was walking out I saw Graham Turner and Malcolm Beard with smiles on their faces. I shot out of the gate to avoid them!"

So far, Tony is reasonably pleased with his form this season, though he does add — 'apart from the Forest match!'

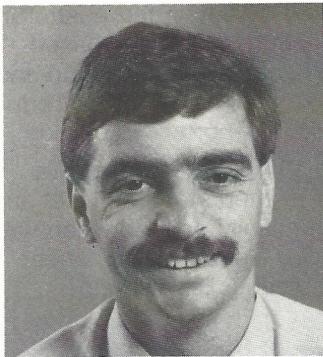
"I had a bad game that day. It wasn't so much that Franz Carr was a difficult opponent — it was just me. I've played against a lot of other wingers and done fairly well."

"I learn a lot from every game, and as long as I learn from what happened against Forest, no harm will have been done."

Tony made his debut as substitute in the last game of the 1983-84 campaign and was pleasantly surprised that he got into the side last season and played in as many as 40 games.

"I was only expecting a few games, and to get in and stay in was great. Then, I achieved my ambition of starting this season in the team. Obviously, I was lucky that Colin Gibson adapted to playing in midfield. If his switch hadn't worked, then I would have had a much bigger job competing with him!"

One item on Tony's 'shopping list' for this season is his first goal for the seniors. "The Boss always reminds us that a defender's job is to defend, but it would be nice to get a goal," he says. "Mind you, I reckon I did score at Exeter because Simon Stainrod's fourth was a deflection from a shot by me. As he'd already got three, he might have given me that one!"



Geoff Stead has been soccer writer for the Brisbane Telegraph for seven years.

In that time he has closely followed and reported on National and local competitions and internationally has covered three World Youth Championships.

Geoff, who also has played the game for the past 16 years, is editor of the Queensland Soccer Federation's weekly magazine "Go Soccer".

Ever since former South Melbourne President Leo Anezakis said of Queensland's two NSL sides "leave them to die" officials of Brisbane City and Lions realised it was an "us and them" survival situation in the National League.

As intense as the battles on the field have been in recent years, they don't even leave a mark on the wrangling, haranguing and politicking needed by officials of the two clubs and the Queensland Soccer Federation to keep the staff represented in the National Soccer Competition.

And once again the future of Queensland's dual representation is again very much in the balance. Will this year be the State's Waterloo? Will City and Lions fall by the wayside in the expected massive re-organisation of the National Competition?

Will the second largest State in Australia be left out of the country's National Soccer League?

The questions are not new to officials like Lions' Lawrence Oudendyk and John Morcus and

QUEENSLAND PREVIEW

By Geoff Stead

City's Guido Canale and Sam Pappalardo, who somehow after 10 years still emerge fighting.

They are battlers and survivors in a sport where controversy reigns supreme.

Had the determination of officials like these been matched on the field over the years, perhaps their job would have been so much easier, but that is where the problem lies.

Lions and Brisbane City were signature members of the National League, an ambitious gamble which many clubs at the time chose to ignore. Perhaps the two Brisbane sides then were only admitted to make up the numbers. But it was a chance for Queensland to improve its football, to be matched against the best in Australia.

And while the improvement has been evident — the State has supplied nearly a dozen Socceroo and youth representatives since the inception of the National Competition — at NSL club level Queensland has only managed to compete.

Compete that is, not dominate.

In the 18 seasons between them, City and Lions can together only supply two years in which they were a League "force".

Brisbane City finished fourth and were grand finalists in 1977, Lions staged a storming finish to the 1984 season to be placed fourth in their division and went on to be minor semi-finalists.

Sure there have been cup victories along the way, City in 1977 and '78 and Lions in '81, but it is the League which counts and on average, the Queensland performance has been one of mediocrity.

Mediocrity in today's National League is a far cry from where the State's soccer standard would be now if it hadn't played a part in the National competition, but in the ruthless, cut-throat, competitive atmosphere of NSL football, clubs cannot just cruise along in the middle of the road.

To the southern giant clubs, the ones with all the resources on and off the field, Queensland has always loomed as a dispensable commodity and as the 1986 season edges towards its official kick-off that point has never been more evident.

This year players at Brisbane City and Lions are not only fighting for the same honours on offer for all the other clubs, they are also fighting for their survival, battling to be part of the country's top soccer competition.

This is the one season in which both clubs must do well. We were expected to struggle in the early days of the competition, but after a decade of playing alongside the cream of Australia's soccer players, the time has come for the State to show what it has learned.

If either Brisbane City or Lions can finish the season with a major honour, it will be proof to the southern clubs that the principles of the National

League are working. It would show that the standard has improved around the country and Queensland is a worthy part of that competition.

The alternative is unappealing. To return to the local competition would initially be like a matador facing a poddy calf.

"While there is a National League then Queensland must be a part of it," that was the unanimous statement put forward by City, Lions and the QSF this season.

But the stronger the animal, the louder the roar, the greater the attention.

At the moment the cries are all but muffled, perhaps by the end of the season, they will be impossible to ignore.

Lions . . .

In 1983, Dutch coach Simon Kistemaker wielded the axe at Richlands and began formulating the side to become known as the "young Lions".

Names which had become well-known at the club, like Col Bennett, Ron Millman, Billy Williamson and Nigel Lownds were to go. Their replacements were to include a crop of teenagers.

Those who had followed junior representative football knew all about the likes of Danny Wright, Russell Stewart and Alan Hunter. But on the National League scene they were but kids.

Kids maybe, but talented.

But even the most talented always have something new to learn and it has taken several years for the young Lions side to mature. In 1984, guided by the never failing leadership and encouragement of old hands John Stewart and Alan Niven, the team showed flashes of what it could achieve — storming into fourth place and reaching the minor semi-final, only to be ousted by penalties.

Last year, with new coach Gordon Arrowsmith trying to maintain the momentum he created when he first took over in mid-1983, Lions became a little cocky, an arrogance which cost them a final's place.

But now, three years after the young Lions "christening", the team is ready for the march. With an average age now closer to 24, this is the season in which the team "must do it".

The ability with which club officials have been able to keep the side together over the past three years has been a credit, and once again the same old faces will front this season.

Of course, the major absentee will be stopper Hunter, who switched to Heidelberg in a \$16,000 pre-season deal. The only others who may not be there when the first squad photo for the season is taken are one or two fringe players like Calvin Daunt and Tony Redmond who have chosen to move on in search of regular first team football.

But despite the return of the Stewarts, Niven, Wright, Steve Jackson, John Ogden, young Socceroo Richard Bassingthwaite and Australian Schoolboy Captain David Hunter, Lions officials know it is depth which sets apart successful teams from also-rans.

And in this department, Lions have attempted to cover all angles.

After seeing players of the calibre of former North Queenslanders Frank Farina and Manis Lomond disappear from under their noses, Lions have initiated an extensive Queensland country scouting program.

Arrowsmith last year made a lengthy tour of major provincial centres and earlier this year the club undertook a 10-day pre-season tour along the Queensland coastline.

The team played six games in centres including Cairns, Mareeba, Townsville, Mackay, Rockhampton and Bundaberg.

And the extension of the Club's feelers has paid dividends, three country players have been attracted to the club who could push for NSL inclusion within 12 months.

Watch for the names of Mick Kelly, a lightening winger, Bill Armit, a towering defender and Wayne Oliverieri a versatile midfielder.

But the most exciting prospects signed during the off-season are three players who are already familiar to astute soccer followers in the south. Anyone who paid close attention to last season's National Youth Championships may recall the names Lindsay Dines, Jarrod Austin and Nicky Meredith.

They were members of the young Maroons side which convincingly won the trophy. And Dines and Austin particularly set the tournament alight with devastating goal-scoring performances. The twin strikers netted 10 goals between them in just four games. Meredith was one of the busier workers behind who helped set up the chances.

Dines in particular has shown good pre-season form and many are predicting will be Danny Wright's striking partner before the end of the season.

Other names to watch out for this year include a former Lions player, winger Craig Low. Low, last year's Queensland Rothman's medal best and fairest winner, has returned to Richlands after three years at Olympic where he was switched to midfield.

Andrew Stowell, the son of Queensland coach Bruce Stowell, the former Pan Hellenic Rothmans medal winner, is another who could make his mark in the orange and blue this year while fellow defenders Mick Mulvey and Norm Bell are also pressing for inclusion.

Although the sale of Hunter and Redmond has helped boost the Lions coffers, the club has looked wisely before plunging headlong into the transfer market as has some of its rivals.

One overseas signing has been made. St Johnstone striker Jim Morton is likely to be in the Lions starting line-up this year. Morton has an impressive record with the Scottish second division club having been a regular up front and at leftback. he is a handy goalscorer and a deadball expert.

Morton may be joined at Lions by his St. Johnstone team-mate Frank Liddell, the former

Brisbane City and Queensland stopper, who may be signed as a possible replacement for Hunter.

With such a big squad, competition for places in the Lions NSL team will be keener than ever, but Arrowsmith couldn't be more pleased.

"It's always hard to keep a lot of players happy but I much prefer to have everyone on their toes than having a squad where players know they are automatic selections," he said.

"With the talent we have available at the club I believe it is not beyond us to finish among the top three, I will be disappointed if we don't win a major piece of silverware this season."

It's an ambitious target for a club which in the past has never finished higher than fourth. But perhaps this year is the season in which the "young Lions" become "kings of the jungle".

Brisbane City

Nothing brings a smile to the face of a Brisbane City supporter quicker than to talk of the early days of the National League. The cup victories in '77 and '78, then the Grand Final run in 1979.

Those were the days. Games when Bobby Campbell literally crashed through defences to nod home the ball and anything else which got in his way. When Frank Pimblett would command the midfield, picking off his forwards with pinpoint accurate passes.

They were times when Roberto Echeverria would curl the ball around a wall and into the goal, with the skill of a Brazilian maestro, when Hermiston and Potter were a stonewall defence.

Yes, for Brisbane City, those were the days.

But in soccer, as in most things, the pendulum swings both ways. Even the greats like Manchester United find that. And over the past four years the swing has taken the club to the other side of the spectrum.

Success has been scant in recent seasons and City have become almost permanent cellar dwellers. But with Hermiston back at the helm, club officials are confident the trend has been

reversed. The pendulum is on the way back.

Changes in officialdom in the past has seen a constant procession of coaches through Spencer Park. No-one has been given time to settle and implement growth policy. Few have been given time to rebuild the team.

As a result, the City team at times resembles a holiday home — players coming and going with the seasons. The owner doing ad hoc patching only when the gaping holes become too big to ignore.

To rebuild solidarity is a tough task for Hermiston, but in the same manner in which he played, he is attacking the coaching job with enthusiasm and confidence.

Last year's squad was a bare unit, stripped even barer during the off-season. Midfielder Frank Pimblett appears to momentarily have given the game away in favour of travelling north. While defender Billy Wilkinson has turned to coaching, former young Socceroo Stephen Glockner has opted for a season in the local Premier League with Olympic United.

Hermiston has started to rebuild and his first signing was Steve Hogg. The pair were teammates at Lions and Hermiston, always an admirer and advocate of physical fitness, well knows Hogg's midfield workrate. The former Canberra player could well prove to be the midfield workhorse which City have needed for so long, after having lumped much of the responsibility on Bobby Hamilton, who really is at his best when going forward

City have dabbled overseas also and their two new visa players are likely to be Phil White and Kieran Cooper. White is a former Newcastle player who comes to Spencer Park via a stint in New Zealand

If the reports preceding Cooper are correct, he could prove to be one of the sensations of the season. The Irishman has been playing with League of Ireland Division One club Bray Wanderers and his recent performances include a five-goal haul in one match.

While Hogg and the overseas signings will add much needed experience to the City, Hermiston is looking to several youngsters to provide the much needed breath of fresh air at Spencer Park.

Among them are two new faces at the club, Glenn Archer and Mike Cernaka, who played alongside Hermiston when he appeared for Brisbane against Ipswich last year. They played with distinction so it was not surprising that Hermiston went looking for both to bolster his NSL squad.

Australian under 16 representative Alfie Catalano has long been a favourite at Brisbane City and it would not surprise to see him play a more prominent part in the NSL season. His Queensland youth side team-mate James Hermiston, Hermiston's teenage son, could be another blooded at some stage of the year.

Other trialists at Spencer Park in the pre-season included Newcastle pair, Striker Dean Milosevic and goalkeeper Robert Cox. The places are there for them to make a challenge.

Certain to figure among City's best this year are those surviving from last season, including State squad members Garry Bromfield and Kim Wishart, Luciano Fabrizio, Frank Mengotti and Lee Scriggins. Club officials have high hopes for last year's South American recruit Roberto Lettieri, who finally appears to have found his footing in Australia.

"We are going to be tough this year, mentally and physically. We are going to be hungry for victory. We are going to get back into the habit of winning." Hermiston said.

No one at Spencer Park is kidding themselves that it is going to be an easy season. The road back is never a smooth one. But as the club's magnificent million dollar grandstand proves, when the Italians set their mind to it, there is little they cannot achieve.

With the enthusiasm of Jim Hermiston thrown in, the terraces may be again full of smiles come October. □

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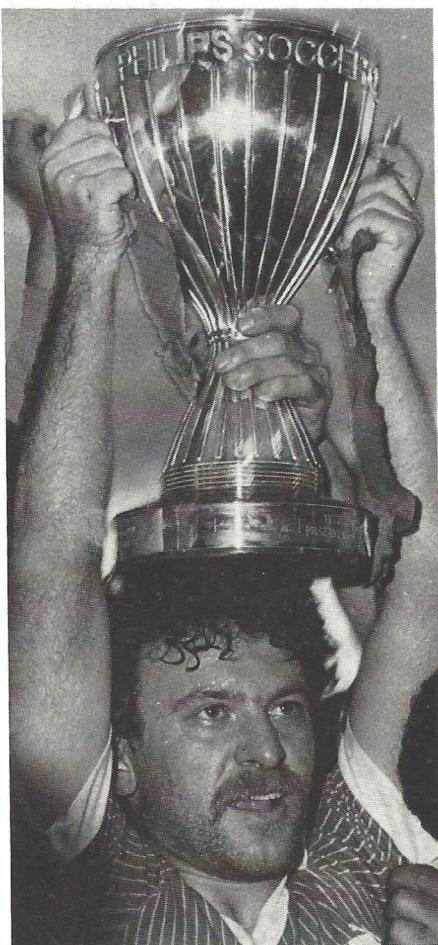
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If you ask Tom Doumanis who is going to win the Olympic Airways NSL's Northern Division this year he'll reply: "Sydney Olympic."

So we've heard it all before.

In a touch of bravado by Olympic's newly elected president, Doumanis boasts that his club will finally get its act together both on and off the field.

It has always been said that if



"It's Ours!" Peter Raskopoulos hoists the national cup aloft in triumph.

By John Taylor

Olympic performs on the field then the NSL travels well.

Doumanis, a solicitor, heads a business orientated board who are hellbent on reducing a huge \$400,000 bank debt.

The president believes that Olympic will have the strongest squad in the league and already one supporter has offered \$50,000 as an added incentive for the club to win the Northern Division title.

Manuel Kambos, a Sydney developer and loyal follower of the club since the Pan Hellenic days, has put up the money.

Doumanis said that \$30,000 would be distributed among the players if the team was successful. "Manuel has also provided an extra \$10,000 to help pay our bills."

Doumanis said that sponsorship and advertising should rake in \$150,000 and gate revenue to increase by 33 per cent on last year. "Subject to everything going smoothly we could take \$300,000 at the turnstiles," Doumanis said.

Of course, one of Olympic's biggest worries in the past has been their volatile supporters.

It was a minority group who last year almost cost the club expulsion from the NSL after rioting in the match against Sydney City at Pratten Park. Doumanis won't tolerate such trouble again. "There is too much at stake," he said.

Surprisingly, Olympic won't be

required to provide safety fencing inside Pratten Park.

The club will provide extra security inside and outside the ground. "The security officers will mingle with the crowd," he said. "Anyone caught throwing objects onto the ground or using bad language will be removed. There is no room for bad conduct.

"In soccer passions run high but it doesn't give the fans the right to riot." Doumanis insists that the NSL has their part to play when big matches are on. "The top referees must be given the top matches and if it means flying them in from interstate then it must be done."

Doumanis feels that the game has become too physical and the skill factor is missing.

"Australian soccer fans will see one of the most skilled players for quite some time in Vincente Estavilio," Doumanis said.

Estavilio is one of the new faces at Olympic and a player who reached the top in Uruguayan football. He played for the Penarol club and also had a stint in Greece with Olympiakos.

Strangely enough he came out to Australia late last season and was playing in the NSW State League with Auburn.

Manfred Schaefer, easily Olympic's longest serving coach, is also very excited about his team's prospects and rates Estavilio the classiest midfielder since Italian Roberto Vieri played with Marconi.

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Back Row; Jim Ziras, Martin Rogers, George Haniotis, Gary Meier, Chris Polias, Stuart Johnston, Graham Jennings.

Front Row: Alex Lambopoulos, Peter Katholos, Peter Raskopoulos, Mark Koussas, Simon Ogun, Marshall Soper.

through balls reminds me so much of Vieri," said Schaefer.

Schaefer admits competition for places will be very high this year. Doumanis chips in "There will be no sacred cows at Olympic."

Apart from Estavilio, other newcomers are midfielder Richie Burke and strikers Stuart Stevenson and Simon Brandt.

Burke served an apprenticeship with Everton before playing in America. Stevenson was with Heidelberg and Brandt with Newcastle.

Returning to the club is defender Mick Coady from Wolves.

Other bright news for Schaefer and Olympic fans is that sweeper Tony Dakos has recovered from a series of knee injuries and midfielder Gary Phillips is back on the playing field again after suffering a bad back last year.

The biggest loss to the club is Socceroo left back Graham Jennings who has moved to Sydney Croatia.

"I certainly didn't want to lose Graham but he felt like a change. He had seven years with Olympic," said Schaefer.

Schaefer predicts a big year from striker Marshall Soper — the player who fell out with National coach Frank Arok

before the Socceroos began their World Cup campaign.

"Marshall wants to play for Australia again. He's still our best striker," said Schaefer.

When Schaefer replaced Tommy Docherty in August 1983, who would have believed that success would follow soon afterwards.

Olympic won the National Cup. Next year it was the northern division grand final and last year it was the Cup again.

Will Olympic finally crack the league title? Manuel Kambos will be \$50,000 poorer but a proud Sydney Olympic supporter if they do.



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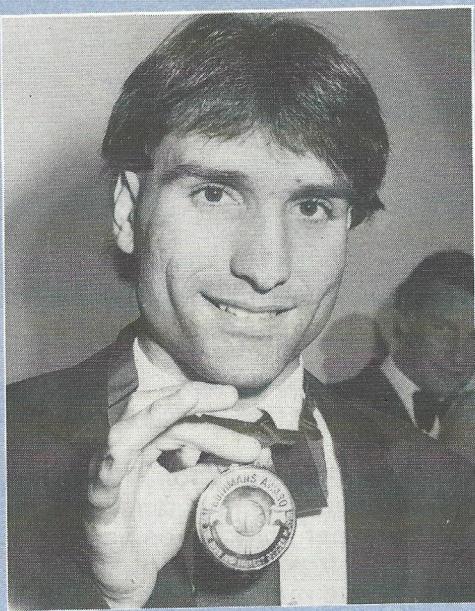
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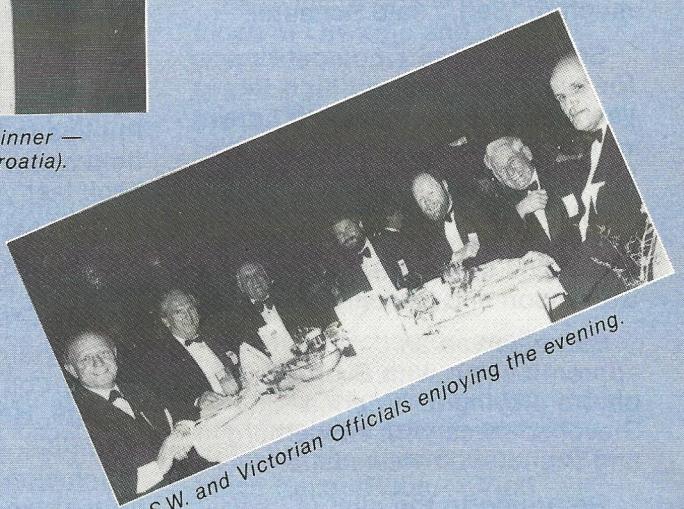
Rothmans and ASF Officials share in the festivities.



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The Socceroos prior to their World Cup campaign.



N.S.W. and Victorian Officials enjoying the evening.



Guest of Honour, former Northern Ireland star, Terry Neill.

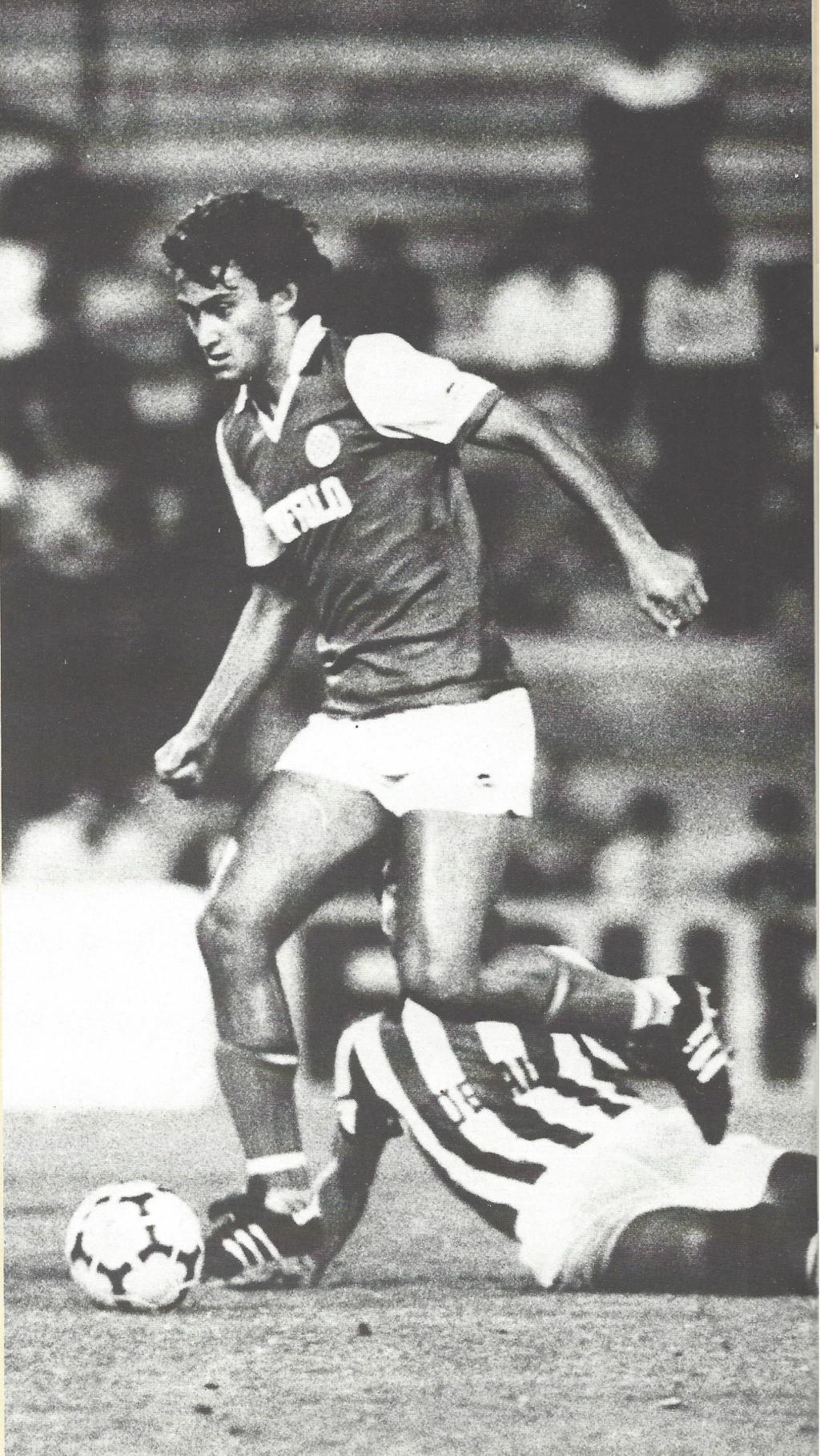
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Height: 5' 11"
Weight: 11 stone
Home: East Doncaster
Car: Nissan TRX
Previous Clubs: Coburg Juniors
Team you supported as a boy: Always Melbourne Croatia
Favourite other team: Hajduk Split
Football hero of childhood:
Diego Maradona
Biggest Thrill: Being captain of Croatia, and leading them to victory in the Dockerty Cup-Final.
Most Memorable Match: The State League Cup-Final against Green Gully when I scored twice.
Biggest disappointment: I don't think it's happened yet.
Superstitions: None
Representative Honours: I was picked for the Socceroo squad, but had to drop out through injury, I suppose that's my biggest disappointment yet.
Favourite other sports person: Jeff Fenech
Favourite other sports: Boxing
Hobbies: Listening to music, watching TV
Favourite actor: Sylvester Stallone

Favourite TV show: Benny Hill and Soccer shows
Favourite musicians: AC/DC
Biggest influence on career:
My dad, Terry Hennessy, Tommy Cumming and now Miron Bleiburg. Miron Bleiburg has remotivated me, made me captain and encouraged me so much.
Favourite other players:
Vedran Rozic, Michel Platini, Ivan Gudelj.
Ambitions for 1986: To lead Melbourne Croatia to the National Championships.
Ambitions after soccer: To be happy and well. After that bad car crash last year I just want to be safe.



STEVE GOJEVIC

MELBOURNE CROATIA

PHYSIO . . . THE NEW BREED

In the old days they used to be known as bucket and sponge men, whose main asset was enthusiasm, rarely backed up by expertise. Thankfully, most of them have gone now, replaced by the new breed, the physiotherapist, armed with every modern aid to bring comfort to the stricken player.

Typical of this new breed is Heidelberg's physio, Peter Georgilopoulos, generally considered Victoria's best. 25 year old Peter followed the old Fitzroy United as a boy, mainly because he had a relative, Chris Constantiniou playing with them but his own prowess on the field led in another direction, to Aussie Rules (whisper it!), and he still plays for Northcote Seconds at that code.

He has been at Heidelberg for three years now and confesses with a grin that his involvement with footy wasn't a help to start with.

'The boys used to tease me unmercifully about Rules at first' he says, 'but now they've accepted me, and now I appreciate the finer points of soccer'.

After Melbourne High School, he thought he wanted to be a doctor, but then settled on physiotherapy, and he spent four years at the Lincoln Institute of Technology, where he gained his Bachelor of Applied Science degree in physiotherapy.

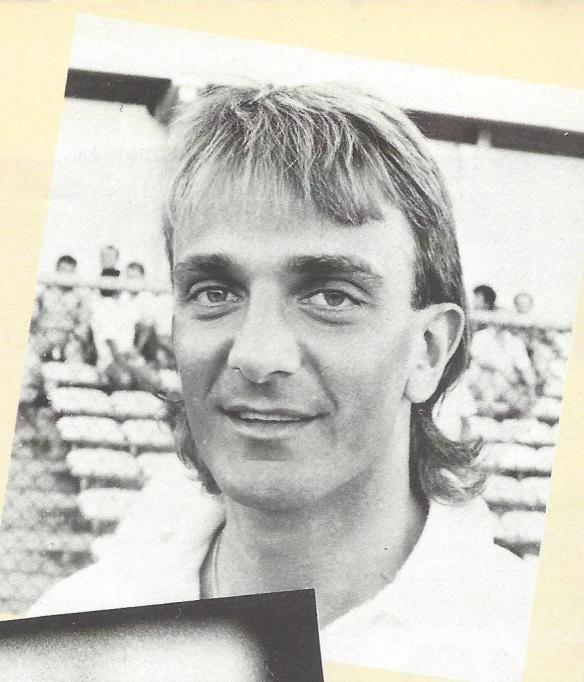
When he isn't sprinting on the field to attend to the fallen, Peter can be found in his rooms in Reservoir, running the practice he opened after two years spent at Western General Hospital. He shares the premises with two doctors who look after Collingwood footballers, so sport is always in the air, so to speak.

Peter sees his job at Heidelberg as much more than being a bucket and sponge man, though.

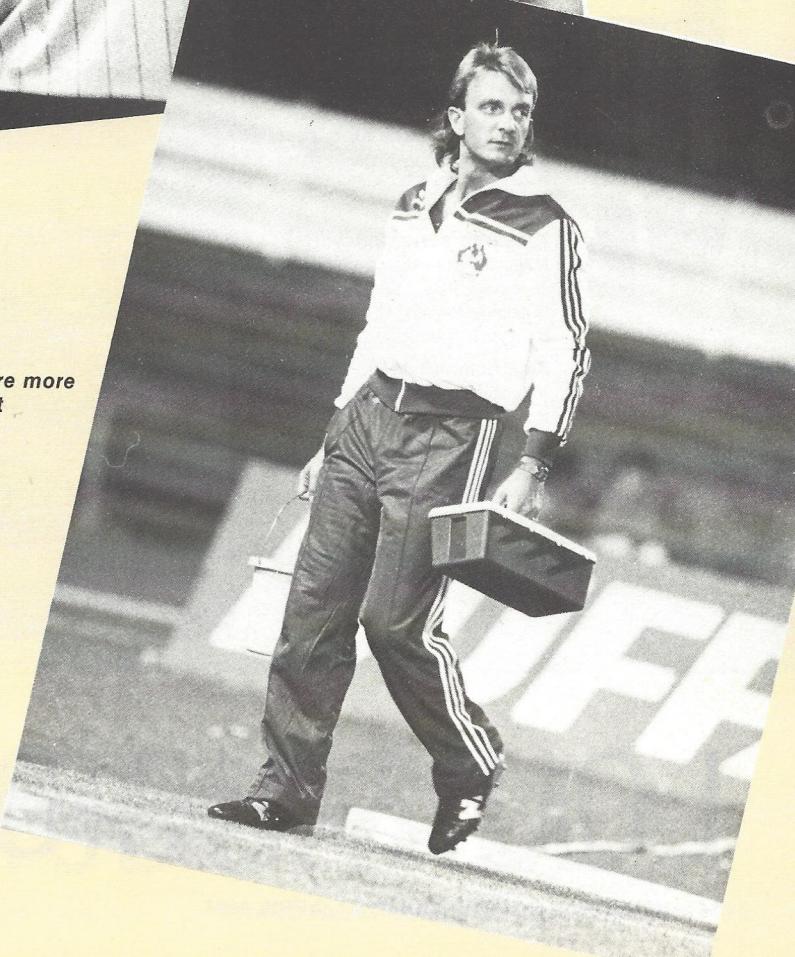
'Coach Brian Garvey, club doctor Tony Joske and I work closely together', he says, and in a way we are a communication link between the players and the committee. Often a player will come to us with a small problem, and we can help him to sort it out before it becomes a big hassle'.

Peter still takes on the field the small bucket, but on hot summer nights it contains ice-cubes, and there's no longer just a sponge in that up-to-date medical kit. □

Peter Georgilopoulos



One of the perils of summer — night soccer. Paul Tzintzis has a moth in his ear.



These days there's more than a cold, wet sponge in that case!

Top Soccer Star

Star Profile: Louis Hristodoulou — Adelaide Hellas.

Full Name: Louis Hristodoulou.

Birthplace and Date: Adelaide, August 7, 1967.

Height: 183cm.

Weight: 77kgs.

Home: Salisbury North, an outer Adelaide suburb.

Occupation:

Car: None.

Nickname: Lou.

Previous Clubs: Salisbury United (as a 7-year old), AIS.

Teams you supported as a boy: West Bromwich Albion.

Football hero of childhood: None.

Most memorable match: For Australian Youth Team v Russia in Minsk during World Youth Cup Finals in 1985..

Biggest thrill: Being picked for the Australian Youth Team..

Biggest disappointment: Not qualifying for the World Youth Cup quarter-finals in 1985.

Superstitions: None.

International or other

Honours: SA Under 14's, Under 16's and Under 18's, Australian Youth Team in 1985.

Favourite other sports

person: Ivan Lendl.

Favourite other sports: Table tennis.

Hobbies: Reading.

Favourite actor: Al Pacino, Sylvester Stallone, Yul Brynner.

Favourite TV show: World Soccer (SBS).

Favourite musicians: Divinyls.

Biggest influence on career: My family, all past coaches and Neil McGachey (Adelaide Hellas coach).

Favourite current player(s):

Michael Platini (France and Juventus, Italy), Charlie Yankos (Adelaide Hellas), Graham Honeyman (Adelaide Hellas).

Ambitions for 1986: To be a regular player with Adelaide Hellas and to finish well up the ladder with Adelaide Hellas.

Long term ambitions: To play for Socceroo Youth Team, senior national team and to play professional football.

After soccer career is over: To become a chemist.



LOUIS HRISTODOULOU

ADELAIDE HELLAS

Top Stars

Star Profile: Garry McDowall — South Melbourne
Birthplace: Glasgow, Scotland, March 6 1959
Height: 190cm
Weight: 77kgs
Married: Yes to Carole
Home: East Bentleigh, Vic.
Car: Toyota Celica
Nickname: None that I know of
Previous Clubs: Hamilton Academicals, Footscray
Teams you supported as a boy: Rangers, Liverpool
Hero of childhood: John Toshack of Liverpool and Wales
Favourite present day player: Michel Platini, Juventus (Italy) and France
Most memorable moment in soccer: Playing for Australia 'B' v China
Biggest disappointment: Missing the 1982 Scottish Cup semi-final against Dundee United
Superstitions: I like to keep to the same routine, especially when we are winning
Honours: None at club level yet, two appearances for Australia 'B'

Other sports pursuits: Golf and jet-skiing
Favourite other sports persons: Alex Higgins (snooker) and Viv Richards (cricket)
Hobbies: Golf and gardening (ah! ah!)
Favourite actor: My brother-in-law, David Hayman of TV fame, and Dustin Hoffman
Favourite TV shows: Documentaries, Miami Vice
Favourite musicians: Brian Ferry and Roxy Music
Biggest influence on career: Dave McParland, Hamilton's Manager
Ambitions for 1986: For South Melbourne to win the lot
Long term ambitions: To succeed in the game and then to give something back, maybe coaching



GARRY McDOWALL

SOUTH MELBOURNE

Top 5 Star Soc Cros

Star Profile: Shaun Parton — Sunshine George Gross
Positioning: Centre-half
Birthplace and Date: Birmingham, 7.9.61
Height: 6ft.
Weight: 13 stone
Home: Chadstone, Victoria
Car: Daihatsu Charade
Previous Clubs: Springvale Juniors, Prahran Slavia, Dandenong City, Frankston City, Footscray, Melbourne Croatia.
Teams you supported as a boy: Manchester City
Football hero of childhood: Francis Lee and Kevin Keegan
Biggest thrill: Croatia winning both the Dockerty Cup and the State League Cup in 1983.
Most memorable match: Dockerty Cup-Final 1983
Biggest disappointment: Not making the National League team when I was at Footscray.
Superstitions: I like to put my shirt on last of all.
Representative Honours: Victoria Under/14, Under/15, Under/16, Vic Youth team.
Favourite other sports person: Ian Chappell
Favourite other sports: Tennis and indoor cricket, the triathlon and competing in the Victorian Endurathon.

Hobbies: Drawing, playing other sports.
Favourite actor: Jack Nicholson
Favourite actress: Meryl Streep.
Favourite TV show: Fawlty Towers and soccer shows.
Favourite musicians: Paul McCartney
Biggest influence on career: The late John Keogh, John Gardiner and of course my dad.
Favourite other players: Bryan Robson, Michel Platini
Ambitions for 1986: To see George Cross win a place in the 1987 League. I want to keep on improving my game and then after that be a good coach.



SHAUN PARTON

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ROUND 1

SUNDAY 16 MARCH

Adelaide Hellas v Salisbury United 2.30 pm Hindmarsh Stadium

SATURDAY 22 MARCH

Heidelberg Utd v Preston 7.00 pm Olympic Park, Melb.
Brunswick Juventus v Melbourne Croatia 9.00 pm Olympic Park, Melb.
Newcastle R'bud Utd v Belmont Swansea 7.30 pm Adamstown Oval

SUNDAY 23 MARCH

Stirling Macedonia v Adelaide City 3.00 pm Macedonia Park, Perth
Juventus Pioneer (Tas) v South Melbourne 1.30 pm Middle Park
Sunshine G.C. v Footscray 3.30 pm Middle Park
Brisbane City v Brisbane Lions 3.00 pm Spencer Park
Wollongong City v Canterbury M.O. 2.00 pm Melita Stadium
Melita Eagles v Ipswich Utd (Qld) 4.00 pm Melita Stadium
St George v Marconi 2.00 pm St George Stadium
Sydney Olympic v APIA-Leichhardt 4.00 pm St George Stadium
Sydney Croatia v Sydney City 3.00 pm Croatian Sports Centre
West Woden Juventus v Blacktown City 3.00 pm Gabbie Stadium

WEDNESDAY 26 MARCH

Inter Monaro v Canberra City 7.30 pm Seiffert Oval
Green Gully v Croydon City 7.30 pm Olympic Park

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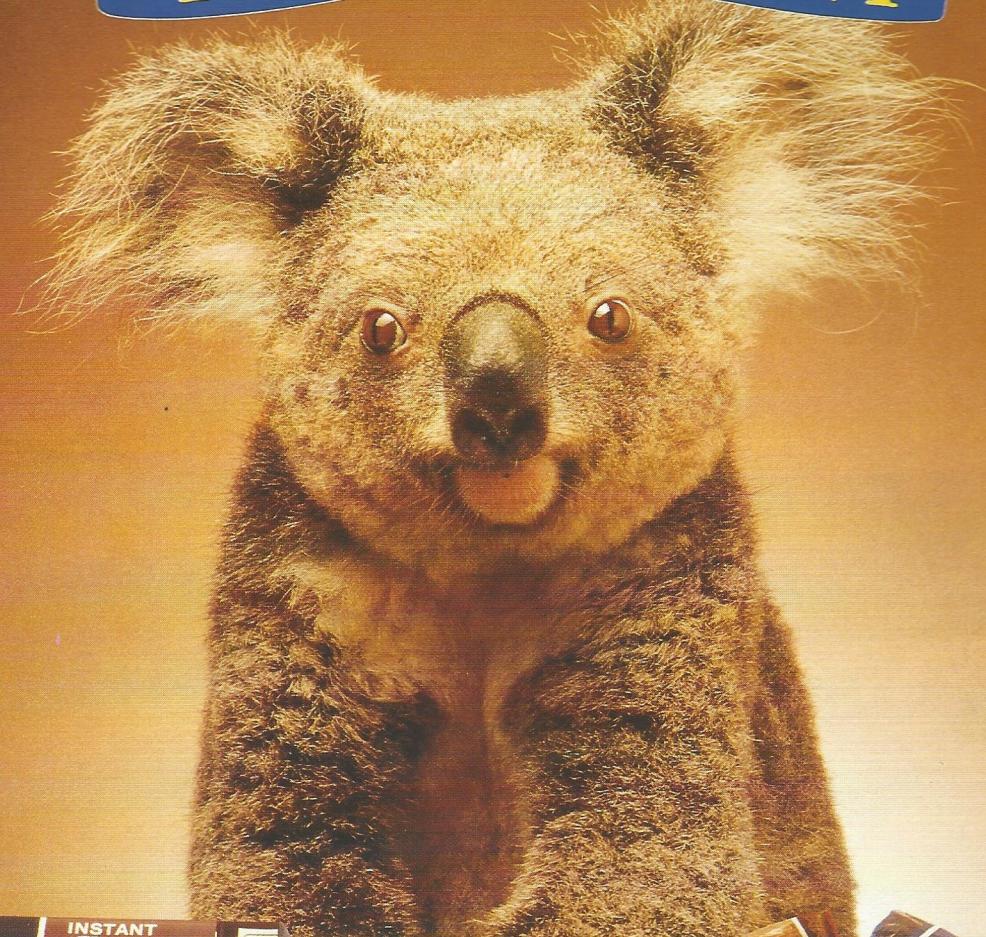
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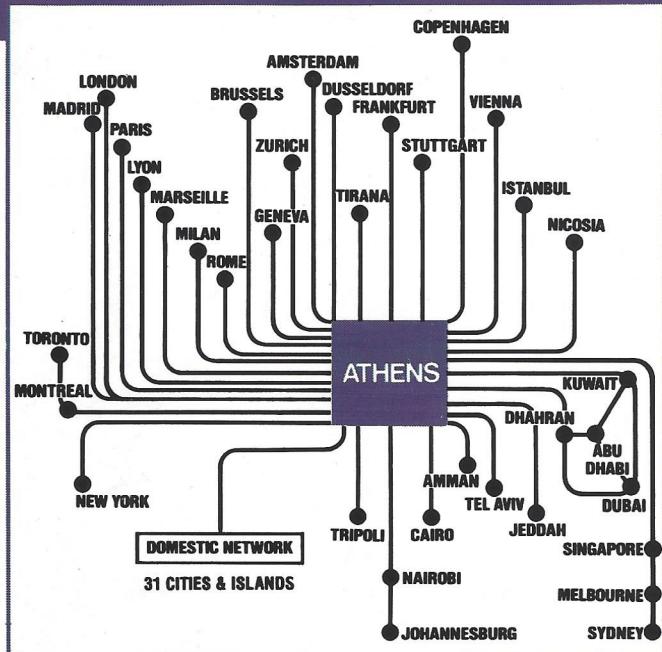
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